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## NO ANNEXATION.

The echo to the first call for a reclamation treaty was annexation. The cry was taken up by the people of England and those in our country that opposed the treaty.

It has also been insinuated by thousands of citizens of the United States and not a few foreign powers that our government contemplates annexing Mexico. A great Republic embracing all of North America from Panama to the Arctic is the foreign conception of America's intentions.

The people of the United States have had no serious thought of annexing Canada since the war of 1812. They secured all the Mexican territory they wanted in the war with that nation sixty-five years ago. We do not desire to add to our domain a country settled by Mexicans and infested with incurable revolutionary germs. Nor have we any intention of annexing Canada, whose citizens, though almost our brethren in blood, have different institutions.

## THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT.

"If you are going to do anything permanent for the man generally you will have to begin before he is a man," once said Theodore Roosevelt, former President of the United States.

This is the fundamental idea of the Boy Scout movement which has had such a large following in America and England. Teaching the boys of the country to be self-reliant and instilling correct moral principles, are the chief aims of the organization.

The fundamentals of scout-craft, military organization, methods of maintaining discipline and co-operation, knot-tying, signaling, woodcraft and night scouting—are some of the things included in the education of the boy scout. He must know the principles of camp sanitation, personal hygiene and first aid to the injured, besides being efficient in camp routine.

This movement was started in Columbia but for some reason it failed. Reconsideration of the matter might revive interest in the project. Certainly the teachings are such as to benefit any boy.

## CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION.

Almost unanimously the Illinois State Senate has passed a resolution providing for the calling of a constitutional convention and for the adoption of the initiative and referendum. Only a two-thirds majority of the General Assembly is necessary to call the revision convention.

The present constitution of Illinois was adopted in 1870. It is more minute than a fundamental instrument should be, and fixes the salaries of many of the state officials. It also goes into great detail as to the duties of certain courts and officials and limits the power of the legislature in certain of its functions.

New courts have been created in Illinois since the adoption of this constitution. Four amendments have been adopted. Modern ideals of government have changed in the last four decades. The modern state is vastly different from the one created forty years ago, and new forms of government have succeeded many of the old.

As one of the foremost states in the Union, it is fitting that Illinois should modernize its instrument of government.

## THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.

"The public can have exactly the kind of newspaper it wants," said Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the New York Evening Post in his address Journalism Week. "Together with the advertisers it can stand for certain things and by merely showing that its patronage will be withdrawn if certain things are not done, it is bound

to have an effect, provided its demands are founded on morality and justice."

The public has blamed the newspapers for many things for which they are not primarily responsible. The public has allowed a certain class of journalism to spring up and to flourish. Then it blames the newspaper men because of the existence of this class of newspapers.

Mr. Villard showed a simple solution of newspaper problems. A boycott of the offending sheet by subscribers and advertisers is bound to bring results if the demands are just. The day of the "yellow" is past, but there are other tendencies in journalism that may prove to be as bad. The public has the remedy for such evils.

Quit taking the paper and quit advertising in it.

## THE MISSOURI-KANSAS DEBATE

Tomorrow night the Missouri-Kansas debate will be held in the University Auditorium. While there are no mass-meetings to herald the coming of such contests, and there is never the wild enthusiasm over them that mark athletic events, their coming is none the less significant. In debating contests the best brains of the schools are represented.

Debating has long held a place in the intellectual and educational life of man. Although it is argued that, as an art, it has lost some of its power and influence, however it still plays a great part in the speech and press of the world.

High in the University of Missouri stands the debating percentage. In the number of contests in which teams of this school have taken part, most of them have been victories for the University. Not since 1904 has the University of Kansas taken a contest from Missouri.

Every student of the University should hear this debate, and as many people of Columbia as can attend should avail themselves of the opportunity. Both universities are after victory. The best team will win. Will it be the one from Missouri or the one from Kansas?

It's all right to ask a freshman, a sophomore, or a junior what he is going to do next summer, but it is bad manners to ask a senior.

## Viewpoints.

## Advance Grades to Underclassmen.

Editor The Missouriian: Because of the fraternity situation regarding grades, most of the professors keep students who are fraternity members informed as to their relative standing in the class. This applies especially to the underclassmen. Other students in the class have no way of determining their grade. Why not apply the plan indiscriminately?

The freshman and sophomore years are unusually the trying ones for student's grade is decidedly questionable. What is the objection to keeping students in these classes ignorant of their standing? Why not let all of them know where they stand? SENIOR.

## The Honor System.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina is the latest of the large schools to adopt the honor system. Following the lead taken by the University of South Carolina nearly one hundred years ago, many institutions have introduced this plan.

Each school has its own particular honor rules, but it is conceded that the system in force at the University of South Carolina and Princeton University, the latter having modeled its own after that of the Carolina school, is one of the best in the United States.

Some of the most essential points are:

1. The honor committee is made up from the four classes, the Senior member being chairman.
2. The unsubstantiated testimony of one witness shall not be sufficient to convict.
3. The accused is allowed to introduce any material testimony, with the privilege of selecting two students to act as his selectors.
4. A four-fifths vote of the committee shall be necessary to convict.
5. A three-fourths vote of the student body may reverse a decision of the committee.
6. Two student-attorneys may defend the accused before the student body. They are not allowed to appeal to prejudices and emotions.
7. All proceedings of the honor committee are secret.

The honor system is growing in favor. Why not have it at the University of Missouri? SENIOR.

## MISSOURI LEADS IN OUTPUT OF LEAD ORE

State Furnishes 45 Per Cent of Mineral in This Country.

## RICHEST OF RESOURCES

Report of Bureau of Labor Statistics Gives Production of 1910.

Missouri firmly cinched its hold as the leading lead ore producing state in 1910 by an increase in output over 1909 of fully 13 per cent. The production was 263,432 tons of 60 per cent lead ore, as compared with 237,583 tons the year before.

The closest competitor to Missouri as a lead ore producing state is Idaho, but it only made a gain in yield in 1910 over 1909, of less than 3 per cent, and in 1909 was far behind this state in this respect. Until 1907 Idaho led this and all other states for the amount of this mineral its mines annually turned out, but in that year Missouri passed it and has been increasing its lead every year.

At an average price of \$51 a ton, Missouri lead ore output for 1910 sold for \$13,441,032, or \$2,500,000 more than it will take to run the entire state government, with all public educational institutions included, for the next two years.

When this mass of lead ore had been reduced to primary pig lead it made 161,659 tons, which, at \$30 a ton, sold in the Eastern markets for \$14,549,310, the process of smelting and refining the raw 60 per cent ore, having added \$808,273 to its value, without considering the large sum realized from the sale of by-products made from the skimmings and residue.

## Lead Deposits Almost Unlimited.

Missouri will hold first rank as a lead producing state for many years to come unless richer deposits are found in the unexplored sections of the country. In the southern part of the state there are still thousands of acres of lead-bearing rock which remain untouched and which, when worked, will help to keep the state in first place.

The foregoing assertions are made in a bulletin on "Missouri as a Lead Producing State," which deals with the production of 1910. It was given publicity today by Commissioner J. C. A. Hiller of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The bulletin is advance information on a chapter on the subject which is being prepared for the 1911 Missouri Red Book by Supervisor of Statistics A. T. Edmonston of the Labor Bureau. Further details concerning the lead production of Missouri follows:

## Missouri Ranks First.

The total production of lead ore of twenty-five states in 1910, was 620,380 tons and with Missouri's yield placed at 263,432 tons, it means that this state furnished more than 45 per cent of this commodity. This is a gain of 5 per cent over 1909 and 1908 when Missouri supplied about 40 per cent of the

amount mined in the entire country. It is a gain of about 14 per cent over 1907 when the production was 31.91 per cent of all lead produced in the United States.

Lead ore deposits are found in all of the Ozark counties. St. Francois county leads in the amount turned out annually, with Jasper county second and Madison county, third. Shipments of this valuable mineral are made every year from Greene, Jefferson, Stoddard, Washington, Lawrence, Newton, Miller, Franklin, Carter, Wayne, Phelps, Crawford, Maries, Moniteau, Shannon, Iron, and a half dozen other counties. The ore of Madison county is more valuable because it contains silver, cobalt, copper and nickel. It takes a high grade of refining to recover the silver and at present this work is done in the East. The time is close at hand when this will be done in the Ozark region.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT M. U.

Commencement week at the University of Missouri this year will begin Saturday, June 3. Final examinations will begin Saturday, May 27, and end June 3.

The annual Stephens medal contest or the best original recitation by University seniors is the first exercise after the examinations. It will be Saturday night, June 3.

The Rev. George R. Dobson, pastor of the Church of Unity of St. Louis and a former student at the University of Missouri, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, June 4. Mr. Dobson was graduated in 1887. Most of the churches of Columbia do not have services on baccalaureate Sundays, but all combine in the service in the University auditorium.

Monday, June 5, is class day. On this day the senior class holds its exercises, usually ending with the singing of "Old Missouri" around the columns.

Prof. Frank Thilly of Cornell University will deliver the address at the Phi Beta Kappa banquet this year. Phi Beta Kappa is an honorary fraternity composed of those who excel in class work while they are in college. Professor Thilly formerly was in the faculty of the University of Missouri.

Wednesday is to be Alumni Day. The former classes have reunions and all former students hold banquet at noon. The graduating class is invited to this dinner.

The board of curators will meet Thursday. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday entrance examinations will be held permitting candidates to obtain additional points for entrance to the University.

Charles Nagel, secretary of Commerce and Labor in President Taft's cabinet, will deliver the commencement address. Commencement day is Thursday, June 8.

After the address by Mr. Nagel, degrees will be conferred and diplomas awarded to the graduating class. The exercises of Commencement day conclude the school year of 1910-1911 at the University of Missouri.

A Kansas City awning bumped into a woman's hat the other day, tore off the feathers and disarranged her hair. Another obstreperous sun-umbrella pummeled a man all over the face and broke his eye glasses. Getting dangerous to start anything with inanimate objects these days.

## LOCAL COLUMBIA

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